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# Semi-Holiday Here For Lincoln's 144th Birthday

Baltimore News Post 2-12-57

Thousands of Baltimoreans were observing a holiday schedule Thursday, the one hundred and forty-fourth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

It was not, however, a work-free holiday of, for, or by all the people.

Schools, both public and parochial, were open as usual—although the significance of the day was noted in each classroom.

The Internal Revenue Bureau pursued its helpful way, assisting taxpayers with income tax returns at offices throughout the State and over the telephone.

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**THE ENOCH PRATT** Free Library and branches also were open—which would have pleased Lincoln, a constant reader.

The General Assembly, in session at Annapolis, did not interrupt its deliberations.

Most Federal offices here, including the courts, functioned as on any Thursday.

City and State offices, however, were mostly closed.

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**THE CITY** maintained essential services—including the collection of trash, garbage and ashes.

The State offices closed included those at the Courthouse, and the courts themselves.

And banks, savings and loan associations, and similar financial institutions, took the day off.



**LINCOLN'S CHAIR**, used by the great President when he lived in the White House, will be exhibited Thursday night at the annual Lincoln Day dinner and dance of the Alexander Hamilton Club of Maryland, Inc., at the Lord Baltimore Hotel. Above, pretty Miss Shirley Scott, 800 block Evesham avenue, stands beside the chair holding a hat once owned by Lincoln. Both are now the property of Mrs. Ida M. Parks of Baltimore.

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### For Immediate Release

#### WHITE HOUSE FURNITURE DONATED TO THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN MUSEUM

Harrogate, Tn...Two pieces of rococo-revival furniture said to have been used in the White House during the Presidency of Abraham Lincoln were donated to the Abraham Lincoln Museum by Thomas Dudley Morris of Fulton, Kentucky. He gave the Museum a gilded chair and table that were purchased by his sister Ella Bradford from an antique dealer in Ada, Oklahoma about 1925.

According to William G. Allman, Assistant Curator of the White House, "Rococo-revival furniture was indeed used at the White House, most noteworthy being a large suite of gilded seat furniture purchased for the Blue Room in 1860...many White House furnishings in the 19th Century were discarded, given away, or sold..."

"These pieces are typical of the period," said Steven M. Wilson, Director of the Abraham Lincoln Museum. "Rococo-revival pieces featured cabriole legs and scroll toe or claw-and-ball foot. Animal forms and naturalistic fruit and flowers were other elements used in the design of this particular style. Our chair has what appears to be the head of a fox on the cresting rail and the table has a lion's head on each knee."

According to Wilson, the chair and table will undergo a conservation review before any determination is made on exhibiting the artifacts. "I am pleased with the donation," said Wilson. "Morris and his niece, Mrs. Virginia Kizer, have been so helpful in providing information on the chair and table."

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